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SUBJECT: MARITIME WORKERS UNION REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FOR NEW
MERCHANT SEAMENS' AND FISHING SCHOOL

REF: (A) STATE 301075; (B) BUENOS AIRES 7821

THE ARGENTINE MARITIME WORKERS UNION (SOMU) AND THE MARITIME
WORKERS FEDERATION (FAMAR) HAVE BEEN UNEXPECTEDLY INTERVENED BY
THE GOVERNMENT FOR REASONS WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN CLARIFIED.
THE INTEVENTION PROBABLY WILL SIGNIFY A CANCELLATION IN THE
UNION'S PLANS TO INAUGURATE A MERCHANT SEAMENS' AND FISHERMENS'
TRAINING SCHOOL NEXT YEAR. EVEN IF PLANS FOR THE SCHOOL ARE NOT
AFFECTED, THE PRIMARY RATIONALE FOR OUR SPECIAL INTEREST IN THE
PROJECT--I.E., ASSISTING A TRIPARTITE EFFORT IN LABOR-MANAGEMENT-
GOVERNMENT COOPERATION--HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY ERODED AS A RESULT OF
THE INTERVENTION. WE THEREFORE, RELUCTANTLY, HAVE TO DOWNGRADE
OUR PRIORITY INTEREST IN THE PROJECT AND HAVE TO WITHDRAW OUR
EARLIER REQUEST THAT A MAJOR RESEARCH AND COLLECTION EFFORT BE
UNDERTAKEN IN ITS BEHALF. HOWEVER, WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE
THE MATERIALS ALREADY COLLECTED FOR POSSIBLE DONATION TO THE UNION
LIBRARY AND WE ARE STILL INTERESTED IN SATISFYING THE
REQUEST OF THE NAVAL ELECTRICIANS' UNION CONTAINED IN PARA 4,
REFTEL B. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO PROVIDE SOMU WITH THE INFORMA-
TION AND MATERIALS, IF READILY AVAILABLE, REQUESTED IN PARA 6,
REFTEL B. EMBASSY IS VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S
COOPERATION IN SEEKING TO OBTAIN THE MATERIALS REQUESTED,
REGRETTING THAT IN THE CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES--WHICH ARE CHARACTER-
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